

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Korman, Miranda, Rische, Shwarts, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport, Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell, Recreation Supervisor Ferguson, and Performing Arts Specialist Inferrera.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved for the approval of the June 21, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (with Commissioner Rische abstaining).

6. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6A. INTRODUCTION OF GRETCHEN REYES, TAM SUMMER INTERN

Recreation Supervisor Ferguson introduced Gretchen Reyes, summer multi-cultural intern from the Getty Foundation who began her internship at the Torrance Art Museum on June 15, 2010.

Ms. Reyes, a graduate of University of California at Irvine, provided a slide presentation that showed Getty interns at the Arts Summit on June 28, 2010 and "Zoom

2:” Three Saturdays of Performance and Sound on June 26, July 3, and July 10, 2010. She described the exhibition as well as preparations for the next show, “The Rise of Rad: The Influence of Skate Culture on Contemporary Art”, that opens July 24, 2010. She distributed fliers she designed inviting the public to submit photos that illustrate the body in relationship to movement, space, and architecture. She stated that her responsibilities include public relations, organizing data and records, helping prepare installations, meeting artists, taking photographs, and participating in staff meetings. She stated that she is enjoying her ten-week internship because of the variety of tasks she has the opportunity to perform.

Commissioner Candioly shared information about a Surf and Skate Expo in San Diego on August 13-15, 2010.

Manager Rappoport stated that Torrance Theatre Company did not receive an intern this summer due to Los Angeles County program cutbacks.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. LOMITA ANZA PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATE

Manager Rappoport announced that the community tile painting workshop for the new Lomita Anza Park is scheduled for August 14 at Sea Aire Golf Course from 11:00 to 4:00. She stated that Heide Ulbrich, ceramic instructor, is coordinating the workshop and expressed appreciation to Recreation Supervisor Ferguson for her efforts in expediting it.

8B. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS

Manager Rappoport reported that she submitted a press release but did not receive many nominations by the July 14, 2010 deadline. She noted that the nomination forms states that the deadline for submissions is August 26, 2010 and suggested extending the deadline to that date. She distributed nomination forms, offered assistance from staff, and recommended that the subcommittee meet at the end of July 2010.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to extend the deadline for Excellence in Arts nomination submissions to August 26, 2010. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8C. CANCELLATION OF AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING

Following a brief discussion, it was decided that the Commission should meet in August 2010.

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to have the Cultural Arts Commission meet in August 2010 and to adjourn the meeting to August 16, 2010. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

Performing Arts Specialist Inferrera distributed fans publicizing the 12th annual summer musical "The Pirates of Penzance" and discussed plans for opening night on August 13, 2010. She encouraged Commissioners to come to opening night in pirate inspired costumes. She noted that there are 40 people in the cast and played music and songs from the show. She announced the remainder of the season that includes two shows in the Nakano Theatre, a show in collaboration with Torrance Art Museum, and a collaboration with Redevelopment in an abandoned storefront in the downtown district. She stated that Torrance Theatre Company has an "I Contact" account and website as well as Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Cary Jordahl, President of Friends of Torrance Theatre Company, introduced himself and discussed the formation of the founding nine-member board. He stated that the purpose of the non-profit organization is to support Torrance Theatre Company and to help supplement its operating budget.

Ann Smisek, Friends of Torrance Theatre Company board member, encouraged Commissioners to become members.

Performing Arts Specialist Inferrera distributed brochures for Shakespeare by the Sea at Wilson Park, with "Julius Caesar" on July 23 and "Twelfth Night" on July 24, 2010.

9B. CITY VOLUNTEER NEWLETTER FOCUS ON TAM

Recreation Supervisor Ferguson distributed the 3rd edition of the City of Torrance Volunteer Newsletter and was pleased to note that Torrance Art Museum volunteers are featured. She recognized Laura Lohnes and Judi Gerber for an outstanding job. She also distributed fliers for Artful Days lectures that begin in September 2010.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 8B.

10B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that the contract for Land Concern for the Wilson Park amphitheater is currently with the City Attorney's office.

10C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Has not met.

11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for June 2010 was included in agenda packets. She stated that Wild Wednesdays! begins on July 21, 2010 with Masanga Marimba Ensemble and noted that 350 people attended the first Concert in the Park at Columbia Park on July 18, 2010.

12. ORALS

12A. Commissioner Miranda stated that he is following his wife's nephew golf tournaments, is busy with United Health Care activities, and is looking forward to "The Pirates of Penzance."

12B. Commissioner Rische shared information about her cruise to Alaska.

12C. Commissioner Korman announced the Aerospace Players' presentation of "The Producers" on July 25, 2010 and Torrance Symphony's "Music of the Movies" on August 22, 2010 at Wilson Park.

12D. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed a trip to Lake Arrowhead and World Music Festival duets at the Hollywood Bowl.

12E. Commissioner Candioly stated that he had the opportunity to attend an art exhibition opening at Pasadena City College.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:59 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Submitted August 16, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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